

# Supervisor Romaine Addresses State and Regional Meeting on the Problem of Nitrogen Management on Long Island

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**Farmingville, NY** – On October 13, Supervisor Ed Romaine (pictured) spoke before the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Long Island Regional Planning Council regarding the development of the Long Island Nitrogen Action Plan. Earlier this year, the New York State Legislature allocated \$5 million for use on a Nitrogen Management and Mitigation Plan for Long Island.

At this meeting, representatives discussed ideas pertaining to the goal and scope of a nitrogen plan, the impacts of nitrogen pollution on Long Island, the steps needed to start plan development, and possible solutions or alternatives to the problem of nitrogen

management.

Supervisor Romaine testified on the immediate need to find solutions to reduce nitrogen pollution and protect water quality for all of Long Island. Some of the highlights of his testimony emphasized the need for alternative wastewater treatment systems, improved standards for sewage treatment plants, and the need for regulations on new developments regarding nitrogen discharge standards.

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